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THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resumptions, Weather Record.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

DOMESTIC.

Harry F. Bailey, cashier of the Colebrook (N. H.) national bank, was arrested on a charge of embezzling \$34,000.

Bruce and Alice Milks, children of Tilman Milks, of Maple Grove, Mich., were burned to death.

Mrs. Kate J. Adams died in New York from the effects of poison sent in a package by mail to Harry Cornish, a well-known athlete, who boarded at Mrs. Adams' house.

A train was wrecked on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad near Trinidad, Col., and five persons were seriously injured.

James Brown (colored) was hanged at Kansas City, Mo., for the murder of Henry Frather, also a negro, in April, 1896.

Harry Garvey, a rejected admiral, shot and killed Miss May Thomas and himself near Clare, Ia.

Allegations of bribery in city affairs caused the grand jury in Chicago to summon the entire city council to appear before them.

Fire in the business section of Alliance, O., caused a loss of over \$100,000.

Ira Sexton was hanged at Princeton, Mo., for the killing of Nathan Stark, a young farmer, October 28, 1897.

The Episcopal diocese of Nebraska has refused its consent to the canonical consecration of Dr. Theodore N. Morrison, of Chicago, as bishop of Iowa.

Secretary Wilson has ordered the removal of the weather headquarters of the present West Indian storm warning service from Kingston to Havana.

The Charles Hillman Shipbuilding company, one of the largest shipbuilding firms in the country, made an assignment in Philadelphia.

A delegation presented to President McKinley two petitions, one from the great majority of the organized Protestant Christian churches of the world and the other from the Pan-Presbyterian alliance, asking for international arbitration as a substitute for war.

Eight business houses were destroyed and six stores damaged by a fire at Oberlin, O.

The controlling interest of the Chicago & Alton railroad has passed to eastern men.

The Keystone Mutual Benefit association, incorporated in 1878, made an assignment at Allentown, Pa.

Sixty-three thousand dollars and Charles A. Beeler, the driver of a Wells-Fargo express wagon, were missing at San Antonio, Tex.

President McKinley issued a proclamation regarding the payment of taxes, customs, etc., in Cuba.

At Furlay, Kan., Thomas Greene killed his wife and then shot himself. Jealousy was the cause.

Cornelius McGanney and ten horses were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a stable in New York.

Harry C. Howell, who, the police assert, has eight wives in as many states, was ordered to leave Kansas City, Mo.

An elevator belonging to the George C. Bagley company was burned at Minneapolis with 200,000 bushels of wheat, the loss being over \$200,000.

At Ambrose, Mo., William Barton shot and killed two men named Cobb and Henry Winger in a fracas.

There were 11,638 failures in the United States in 1898, involving liabilities of \$141,137,117, a decrease from 1897 in number of 11.2 per cent. and in liabilities of 9.5 per cent.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 30th aggregated \$1,409,502,659, against \$1,673,030,025 the previous week. The increase compared with the corresponding week in 1897 was 18.7.

A little son and daughter of Herman Bonger were burned to death at Osseo, Wis.

Near Washington Court House, O., Cary Roby and Frank Brown, sons of Albert Brown and William Brown, were burned to death.

Dominique Krathofski was hanged at Springfield, Mass., for the murder of his stepdaughter, Victoria Pinkus, 16 years of age, on January 17, 1897.

Nearly 3,000 United States troops sailed from Charleston, S. C., for Cuba.

Arsenic placed in coffee by some one unknown caused the deaths of Frank Lomack, his wife and five children at Shelby, Tex.

At the fourteenth annual convention in New Haven, Conn., of the American Historical association James F. Rhodes, of Boston, was elected president.

Dean & Shibley, bankers in Providence, R. I., have taken charge of the arrangements to consolidate the paper manufacturers of this country.

At Seaside, Ore., Charles Willard, a desperate character, shot and killed Sheriff J. W. Williams and Deputy Lamers and was himself killed by R. W. Fulton.

The year of 1898 has been one of the most phenomenal in the history of Wall street, New York. The total business of the stock exchange was \$918,028,710 and the total bank exchanges exceeded \$20,000,000,000.

Harry Hoffman and Grace Doran were drowned at New Rochelle, N. Y., while skating. The boy lost his life in trying to save the girl.

The largest railroad station in the world was thrown open to the public in Boston.

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was found guilty in San Francisco of murder in the first degree and sentenced to life imprisonment for causing the death of Mrs. John P. Dunning by sending a box of poisoned candy to her home in Dover, Del.

Samples of the new 1899 issue of one dollar silver certificates were shown at the treasury department in Washington. They are printed from entirely new designs.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Justin S. Morrill, senior United States senator from Vermont, died in Washington of pneumonia in the eighty-ninth year of his age, after an illness of less than a week.

William Day, aged 82, and Minnie Williams, aged 17, were married in Prestonburg, Ky.

John P. Cochrane, ex-governor of Delaware, died at his home in Middletown, Del., aged 90 years.

Miss Mercedes Garcia, the favorite daughter of the late Cuban general, died in Thomasville, Ga., from a lung trouble of long standing.

Mrs. Isabel Mallon, best known as "Bab" and "Ruth Ashmore," died in New York, aged 36 years.

Judge Hamilton Ward, of the supreme court, died in Wellsville, N. Y., aged 70 years. He was a member of the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first congresses and in 1879 was elected attorney-general of New York.

The official canvass of the vote cast for governor at the election in New York gives Theodore Roosevelt (rep.) a plurality of 17,786 over Augustus Van Wyck (dem.).

Mrs. Lily Lord Tift, secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Women, died at her home in Buffalo, N. Y.

Rev. Dr. William Maxwell Blackburn, president of Huron college at Pierre, S. D., died at the age of 65 years.

Ambassador Romero, of Mexico, died in Washington from the effects of an operation for appendicitis.

FOREIGN.

Nine of the European powers have reached an agreement regarding methods for the suppression of anarchy.

Maj. Gen. John R. Brooke, military governor of Cuba, arrived in Havana from the United States.

The cruiser Buffalo arrived at Port Said, en route for Manila, just 10 1/2 days out from New York, breaking all naval records up to that point in her voyage.

Civil war is reported to be inevitable in Bolivia.

The Cubans declared that if Gen. Brooke does not rescind his order barring representatives of the Cuban insurgent army from being present at the evacuation day ceremonies January 1 they will close their houses, tear down their flags and decorations and remain indoors.

A landslide at Airolo, Switzerland, did damage to the extent of 1,000,000 francs and killed five persons.

Prompt steps are being taken by the administration to assert the supremacy of the United States in the Philippines and Maj. Gen. Otis has been designated as governor-general of the islands.

A violent gale swept over the English channel and the east coast of Great Britain, doing immense damage.

No processions or open-air assemblages of bands of Cuban soldiers will be allowed in Havana during the first week in January.

It is reported that Capt. Dreyfus, who for the last three years has been kept in solitary and close confinement on the Isle de Diabie, is now in Paris under disguise.

A lieutenant and 13 men of the French warship Sure were killed in the New Hebrides by natives.

The Cubans in Havana postponed their six days' celebration in compliance with the wish of Gen. Brooke, the military governor.

The steamer Glenavon was wrecked near Hong Kong and 20 of the crew were lost.

The letter postage from Canada to the United States is now two cents per ounce.

Over 100 houses at Hankow, China, fell into the river Han and 1,000 persons were drowned.

The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking company's outfit arrived at Santiago de Cuba to raise the former Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes.

LATER.

Joseph Vacher, the French "Jack the Ripper," was guillotined at Bourgoon-Breesse, France. He was 29 years old, and he is known to have killed four boys, six women and girls and one old widow.

A cage in the Lake Superior mine at Ishpeming, Mich., filled with workmen, careened and threw the occupants down the shaft. Six were killed.

A special from Rome says an Italian squadron is en route to Cartagena, Colombia, to enforce President Cleveland's award of indemnity to the Cerretti creditors.

The situation at Iloilo is grave. Thousands of the native insurgents are armed and they refuse to obey the orders of Gen. Miller, but await instructions from Aguinaldo.

Philip Kuch and John Gifford two farmers living near Jacksonborough, O., became involved in a quarrel over the division of a crop. Gifford killed Kuch and then committed suicide.

The sovereignty of Cuba passed from Spain to the United States at noon Jan. 1. The ceremony of transfer was simple, consisting only of a series of speeches in the hall of the palace, the hauling down of the Spanish flag and the raising in its stead of the flag of the United States on the flagstaff on the palace roof. Salutes were fired from the heavy guns of the forts and the warships before and after the change of flags.

The residence of William Stickley near Barron, Wis., burned and Mr. Stickley and his wife perished in the flames. Mrs. Stickley was lining the attic with building paper by lamplight, while Mr. Stickley was talking with a neighbor. In response to cries from Mrs. Stickley, her husband crawled through a small hole in the ceiling to her assistance, and that was the last seen of them.

Theodore Roosevelt was inaugurated governor of New York the 2d.

On account of excessive taxation in Rome, Italy, a mob of nearly 4,000 persons destroyed the international sentry boxes and stoned the gendarmes.

The stars and stripes now wave over the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor.

Congressman Clark of Iowa was robbed of a pocketbook containing \$60 and a number of railway passes while riding on a Pullman car between Washington and Boston.

The output of the Philadelphia mint last year was \$27,654,462.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

The population of India increases at the rate of 3,000,000 annually.

Profanity is forbidden by both the army and the navy regulations of the United States.

Charles Newton, of Bradford, Pa., was blown to pieces while shooting an oil well at Orchard Park.

President Snow of the Mormon church, says the law against polygamy is being strictly obeyed in Utah.

The senior senator from Connecticut, Orville H. Platt, is over 71 years old, and his colleague, Joseph R. Hawley, is over 72.

The population of the earth at the time of Emperor Augustus is estimated at 54,000,000. It is now estimated to be about 1,580,000,000.

Six convicts, driven mad by idleness, were taken from the Kings county penitentiary in New York to asylums for the criminal insane.

The Miller Electric Construction company of Pittsburgh, Pa., has invented a new plan for utilizing the power of Niagara falls.

Services in commemoration of the founding of Christ church, Salem street, 175 years ago, were held in the meeting house in Boston.

The extension of American authority in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico will lead to the abandonment of some military posts in this country.

There are now 124,000 head of cattle being fed for market on the line of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad, and the majority of these cattle are destined for Cuba.

Brig. Gen. Harrison G. Otis, now serving in the Philippines, enlisted in the civil war with President McKinley in the Twenty-third Ohio. Private McKinley rose to be a brevet major and Private Otis a colonel.

The Spanish brig Gabriel, from Cardenas, arrived at Cramna, having on board ten of the crew of the American bark Evie Reed, Capt. J. D. Steelman, from New York, which is lost. The crew were rescued near the island of Bermuda.

King Humbert, of Italy, has signed a decree amnestying or reducing the punishment of the rioters who took part in the disturbances last spring. About 700 persons who were sentenced by court-martial and about 2,000 who were condemned by civil courts have been liberated.

ROMERO IS DEAD.

Mexican Ambassador to the United States Succumbs to a Dangerous Operation.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senor Romero, the ambassador from Mexico to the United States, died at four o'clock this (Friday) morning, aged 62 years. An operation for appendicitis was performed upon Ambassador Romero on Tuesday. For many hours the physicians were encouraged, to hope for a successful result, but the age and frail constitution of the patient tended to diminish the chances for his recovery, and the end came at the hour above stated.

[Mr. Romero was made secretary of legation as long ago as 1859 when he was only 22 years old. Since that time he has taken a large part in the public affairs of his country, exclusive of the many years he has lived in Washington. As Gen. Diaz' chief of staff in the French invasion, as principal agent in the American treaties after Maximilian's defeat, minister of finance under Juarez, member of congress, postmaster-general and in other important functions, he had his share in patriotic and unselfish devotion to his country. His duties as representative of a proud and sensitive government were delicate and important, and his success is a splendid tribute to his rare powers as a diplomat. His ability and his high personal character have been well appreciated in Washington. Mr. Romero married an American lady, Lucretia Allen, of Philadelphia. Here and in Europe he was considered one of the greatest, if not the greatest, man produced by Latin America in these times.]

A BUSY YEAR.

Car Building Industry Very Active—1,875 Locomotives and 105,158 Cars Were Erected in 1898.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Railroad Gazette, in its yearly statistics of the output of locomotives and cars, states that during the past year all the contracting locomotive shops in the United States outside of the railroad shops contracted 1,875 locomotives, as against 1,251 last year. This is an increase of 624. This increase comes within 71 of representing the total output of 1894, and is greater by 218 than the increase of 1895 over 1894, which increase was the largest since 1877. The total output of cars will aggregate 105,158, of which 99,809 are freight, 699 passenger and 4,650 street cars. Of these 1,663 were for export. The past year was the best for the car building industry since 1890, the record-breaking year, when the total number of freight and passenger cars built by contracting firms was 103,000.

A CHILD'S AWFUL PLOT.

Four-Year Old Boy in Revenge for Punishment Fires the House and with a Younger Sister Perishes.

Milwaukee, Dec. 31.—A special to the Wisconsin from Osseo, Wis., says two little children, a son and daughter, aged four and two years respectively, of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bonger, were burned to death in their home at Lincoln, Jackson county. It is believed the fire was set by the little boy because he was punished and that part of his plan was that his sister should die with him. Mr. Bonger was away at work at the time and the mother of the children was making a call on a neighbor. The boy had been punished and was heard by his mother to make a remark that he was going to die and take his sister with him. The fire was started in a room where there was no stove, and it is believed the boy carried out his threat as planned.

Preferred Death.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Rather than submit to the disgrace of arrest and imprisonment on a charge of larceny as bailie, Joseph Kasper, at one time a well-known downtown jewelry merchant and a large holder of real estate on the North side, fired a bullet into his brain while in the office of the H. Figer company, 613-619 Wells street, Thursday evening. He was taken to the Alexian Brothers' hospital, where he died at 2:16 o'clock Friday morning.

Held for Postage.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The postmaster at San Francisco has called attention to the large amount of mail matter accumulating there under the mistaken notion that domestic postage applies to Hawaii. Letters for residents of Hawaii still require the international postage of five cents per half ounce, though all mail to people in the United States military or naval service is transmissible at domestic rates.

Strange Method of Suicide.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Louis Slick, of 1904 North Marshfield avenue, chose a unique and horrible method to end his life. He lifted the lid from the stove and held his head against the glowing coals until he was burned so severely that he was rendered unconscious. He was found a few minutes later by his wife, and eight hours later died without regaining consciousness. Slick was 68 years old.

Combination Completed.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30.—The Post says the American Steel and Wire company, the combination which has been in suspense for some time because some of the largest plants in the country refused to enter, was completed Thursday. The capitalization of the new company will be \$35,000,000. The new company will practically control the rod and wire nail business of the world.

IS FOUND GUILTY.

Mrs. Botkin Is Convicted of Murder at San Francisco—Penalty is Life Imprisonment.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Rather to the general surprise of those who have followed the Botkin trial and to the entire dismay of the defendant and her attorneys, Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was Friday night found guilty of murder in the first degree for causing the death of Mrs. John P. Dunning by sending a box of poisoned candy to her temporary home in Dover, Del. The condemned murderer will be spared an ignominious death on the gallows, however, the jury that found her guilty imposing also the penalty of life imprisonment. The verdict was unexpected.

[John P. Dunning formerly resided in San Francisco. When the Spanish-American war broke out he went as a newspaper correspondent to Cuba. His family moved to Dover, Del. One evening shortly after, while entertaining her sister, Mrs. Deane, and some friends, Mrs. Dunning received a box which had come by mail. It contained candy and a handkerchief. There was a note pinned to the handkerchief reading: "For your little daughter." Mrs. Dunning and her guests ate of the candy. Nine persons immediately became sick. Mrs. Dunning and Mrs. Deane fled, but the others were saved with difficulty. An investigation followed, and at the trial evidence was introduced showing that Mrs. Botkin had bought the box in San Francisco and that the writing accompanying the handkerchief was hers. The alleged motive for the crime was Mrs. Botkin's infatuation for Dunning and her belief that Mrs. Dunning had had him sent to Cuba to remove him from Mrs. Botkin.]

BIG SUM MISSING.

Wells-Fargo Express Company Loses Money Package Containing \$60,000—Driver Suspected.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 30.—The local office of the Wells-Fargo Express company is out a money package containing \$60,000. The money was sent here from Houston for the Southern Pacific to meet its pay roll west from this city to El Paso. It arrived Wednesday morning and was given to C. A. Beeler, the Wells-Fargo money delivery clerk, to hand over. Beeler started for the depot and was seen en route. Four hours after his departure his wagon was found five miles west of this city in a thicket, the horse almost dead from the effects of hard driving. Inquiry developed the fact that no delivery had been made. There was no evidence of a struggle in the vicinity where the vehicle was found. Beeler had been in the employ of the company for nine years and enjoyed the confidence of all. He spent several years on the frontier as a cowboy. His friends stoutly assert that he is the victim of foul play and his wife also inclines to this belief. Superintendent Taft, of the express company, is here investigating.

PART OF A MOUNTAIN FALLS

Hotel and Several Buildings at Airolo, Switzerland, Destroyed—Three Lives Lost.

London, Dec. 29.—Part of Red Rock mountain, according to a dispatch from Airolo (a village of Switzerland, Canton of Ticino), has fallen into Airolo, destroying a hotel and several houses. The scene of the disaster presents a terrible spectacle, the debris of the avalanche covering a square mile. The hotel, with eight houses and 12 other buildings, was swept into a great heap of matchwood. A new terror was added by the outbreak of fire amid the ruins. Three dead bodies have been recovered. It is estimated that the damage will reach £40,000.

Three Men Killed.

West Plains, Mo., Dec. 30.—At Ambrose, in Ozark county, William Barton shot and killed two men named Cobb. Sheriff Luna quickly organized a posse at Gainesville and started out to capture the murderer. He was found near the scene of the tragedy, but before being arrested he shot and killed Henry Winger, a member of the posse, and then surrendered. News of the tragedy is very meager, but from the best information obtainable three men are dead and their slayer is in jail at Gainesville, closely guarded.

Fierce Storm in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30.—A very severe storm prevails in Nebraska. Though the mercury has not yet reached zero, a high wind is driving fine particles of snow and ice with a velocity that renders it very dangerous for man or beast to be exposed. Considerable snow has fallen, but it is shifted hourly, so that the ground seems clean except where the snow is piled in drifts. The indications are for a very severe storm all over the state.

Evidence Was Lacking.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The grand jury investigation of bribery in the city council is at an end. After a day and a half of earnest effort the grand jury was unable to develop any evidence upon which to base indictments. Nearly every member of the city council was before the grand jury during the day.

Colored Murderer Hanged.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—James Brown (colored) was hanged in the county jail at 11:17 for the murder of Henry Frather, also a negro. The killing occurred in April, 1896. Brown shooting Frather in a quarrel over the woman to whom both were paying attention. Brown was married.